

Rogers (KY)	Shuster	Upton
Rogers (MI)	Smith (NE)	Walden (OR)
Rohrabacher	Smith (NJ)	Walsh (NY)
Ros-Lehtinen	Smith (TX)	Wamp
Roskam	Souder	Weldon (FL)
Royce	Stearns	Weller
Ryan (WI)	Stupak	Westmoreland
Sali	Sullivan	Wicker
Saxton	Terry	Wilson (NM)
Schmidt	Thompson (CA)	Wilson (SC)
Sensenbrenner	Thornberry	Wolf
Sessions	Tiahrt	Young (FL)
Shadegg	Tiberi	
Shays	Turner	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—2

Gohmert Tancredo

NOT VOTING—23

Carson	Johnson, E. B.	Ramstad
Conyers	Jones (OH)	Reyes
Doyle	Kennedy	Schakowsky
Emerson	King (NY)	Waxman
Gutierrez	Marshall	Weiner
Hall (NY)	Miller, George	Wilson (OH)
Hunter	Mollohan	Young (AK)
Jindal	Peterson (PA)	

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Mr. BURTON of Indiana changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 17, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a facsimile copy of a letter received from Mr. William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held October 16, 2007, the Honorable Nicola S. Tsongas was elected Representative to Congress for the Fifth Congressional District, Massachusetts.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.

Enclosure.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH,

Boston, MA, October 17, 2007.

Hon. LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. MILLER: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special State Election held on Tuesday, October 16, 2007, for the office of Representative in Congress from the Fifth Congressional District of Massachusetts, show that Nicola S. Tsongas received 54,328 votes out of 105,985 total votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Nicola S. Tsongas was elected as Representative in Congress from the Fifth Congressional District of Massachusetts.

To the best of my knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by those municipalities located within the Fifth Congressional District, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE
NIKI TSONGAS, OF MASSACHUSETTS,
AS A MEMBER OF THE
HOUSE

Mr. MARKEY. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentlewoman from Massachusetts, the Honorable NIKI S. TSONGAS, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

Her certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to her election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect and members of the Massachusetts delegation present themselves in the well, including the United States Senators.

Ms. TSONGAS appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the 110th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE NIKI
TSONGAS TO THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the distinguished dean of the Massachusetts delegation, Mr. MARKEY.

Mr. MARKEY. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the entire Massachusetts congressional delegation, it is my great pleasure and privilege to introduce the newest Member of the 110th Congress, the gentlelady from the Fifth Congressional District of Massachusetts, NIKI TSONGAS.

NIKI TSONGAS is the eldest of four sisters who grew up in a military family bouncing between air bases all across the United States, Europe, and Japan. In 1967, while her father was stationed at the Pentagon, she met her future husband, our late distinguished House colleague, Paul Tsongas, while he was working just across the street as an intern in the office of then Fifth District Congressman Brad Morse.

NIKI was Paul's soul mate and his strongest supporter when he ran successfully to join us here in the House of Representatives in January of 1975 and

for the Senate in 1978. She was at Paul's side when he ran for the Presidency in 1992 and when he fought so valiantly against the cancer that finally claimed him in 1997.

Over the years, NIKI TSONGAS has been a social worker, a community leader in Lowell, a lawyer, and an educator. As a community leader, she has had a passion for social and environmental justice, which she brings with her as she arrives in Congress. And through it all, she was an amazing mother to three daughters, Ashley, Katina and Molly.

Lowell and the Merrimack Valley has a strong industrial past, and nobody will better represent the roll-up-your-sleeves, hard work persona of this area like NIKI TSONGAS.

In January, our delegation was proud to cast our votes for the first female Speaker of the House. Today, I am proud to introduce the first female Member of the Massachusetts congressional delegation in 25 years.

I give you the distinguished gentlelady from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Congresswoman NIKI TSONGAS.

Ms. TSONGAS. Madam Speaker, it has been a real honor and pleasure and treasure to be sworn in by the first female House Speaker. Thank you so much.

And I want to thank ED MARKEY and the members of the delegation who have been so supportive of me as I have journeyed through this most remarkable campaign. It was hard fought, but here we are. Thank you so much for all of the help you provided. It is my great honor to be part of this most remarkable institution. Thank you.

My race was about a lot of things. But as we approached the end, it was so valuable to me to be able to say that I want to come here and have my first vote cast to be around children's health.

There is nothing more fundamental to the long-term capacity of this country than to take care of its most vulnerable citizens. And so for me to arrive on this day and cast my vote to override the President's veto is something I will always remember, that I was part of this great debate around the future of our country, the generational responsibility we have both to our young and to our old, and to be here on this most remarkable day.

I am going to keep this short. We have a lot of work to do. That is one thing I learned throughout this campaign; people want change. They want us to come to the table, solve problems and move this country forward, and I am happy to be here to be part of that most remarkable opportunity. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman